

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 22, lines 8-22 to read as follows:

As shown in Fig. 8, with respect to the direction ~~871~~ 801 of the inclination of liquid crystal molecules, the slow axis 881 of the phase difference plate is disposed perpendicularly and on the other hand, the polarization plate 87a is disposed so that the polarization plane 871 of incident light forms an angle of 45 degrees. The arrangement shown in Figure 8 is that in the case where the liquid crystal material used has a positive refractive index anisotropy. The liquid crystal material having the positive refractive index anisotropy has a larger refractive index, in a molecular axis direction, than a refractive index in a direction perpendicular to the molecular axis direction, so that the easy inclination axis 801 is the slow axis with respect to the retardation of the liquid crystal layer 80.